

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 3 as follows:

a³ ~~1. (Amended) A composition for promoting weight loss in a mammal comprising effective amounts of L-carnitine, chromium, Vitamin A, and a source of carbohydrates selected from a low glycemic index grain.~~

a⁴ ~~3. (Amended) The composition of claim 1 comprising from about 15 to 195 ppm L-carnitine, from about 10 to about 500 micrograms of chromium, and from about 200 to about 600 IU of Vitamin A per kilogram of body weight.~~

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Please cancel claims 2, 6 and 7.

Please add new claim 14 as follows:

a⁵ ~~14. (New) A composition for promoting weight loss in a mammal comprising L-carnitine, chromium, Vitamin A, and a source of carbohydrates selected from a low glycemic index grain, wherein said composition includes from about 200 to about 600 IU of Vitamin A per kilogram of body weight.~~

REMARKS

Applicants initially wish to affirm the election of claims 1-9, with traverse. The process and composition claims are clearly related and are classified in the same class and subclass. There would be no additional burden on the Examiner to act on all of the claims.

Claims 1-7 and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1 and 2 are rendered indefinite by the term "low" glycemic index grain. However, applicants have clearly defined what is meant by "low glycemic index" and have provided examples of low glycemic index grains. See the specification at page 6, lines 10-20. The term is definite and complies with the statute.